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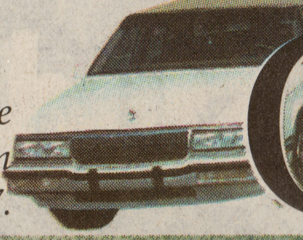

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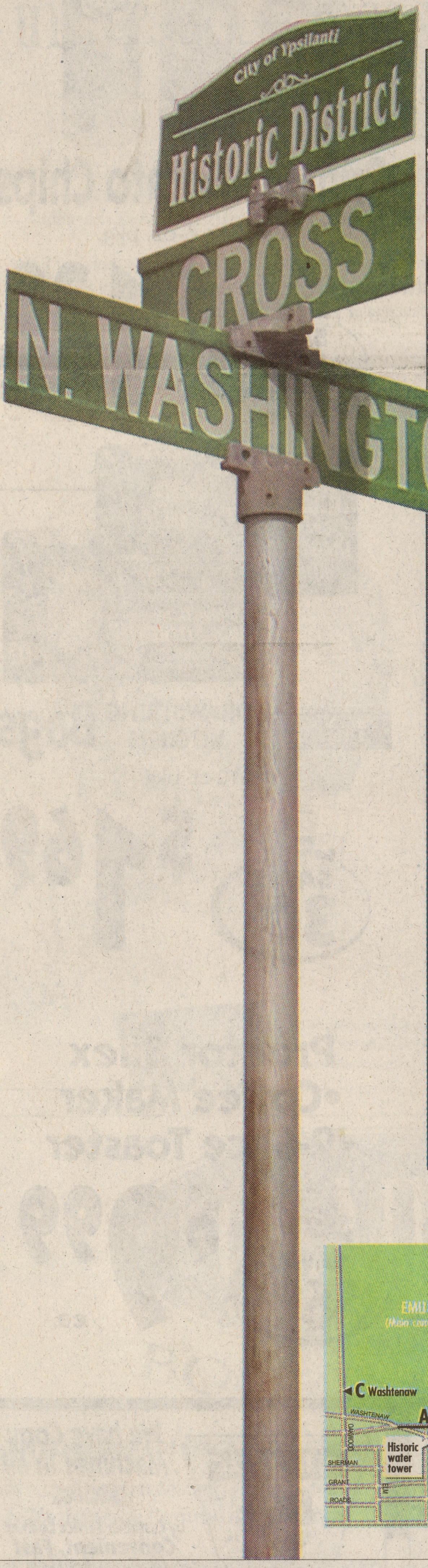
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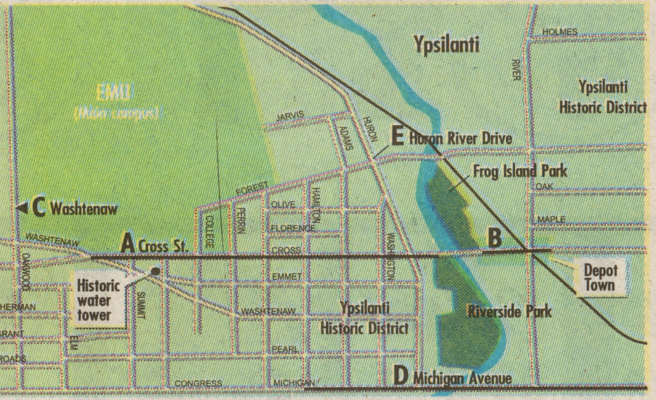
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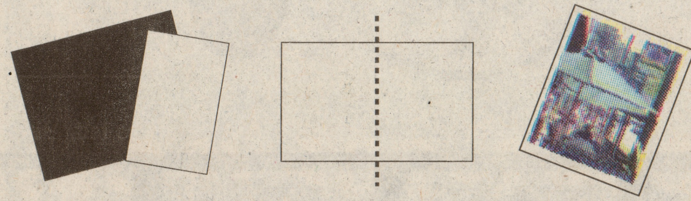

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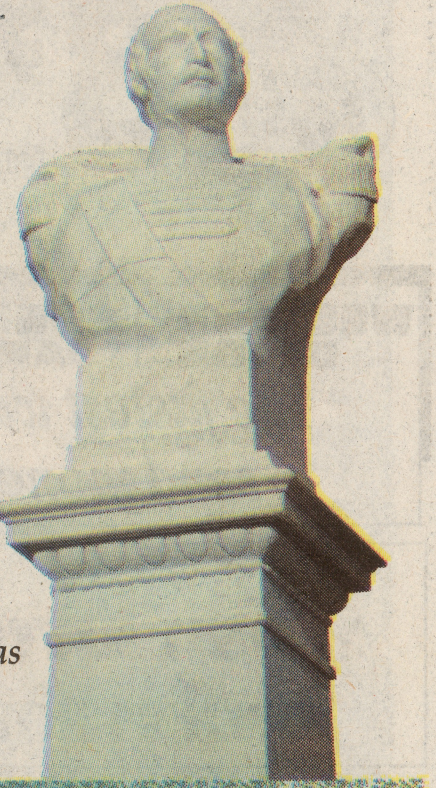

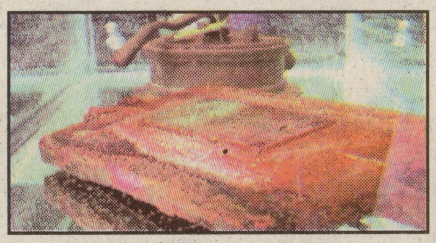

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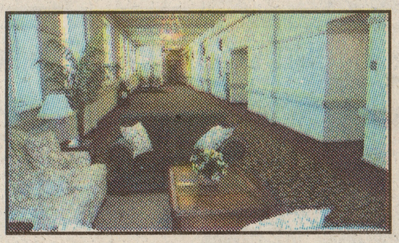

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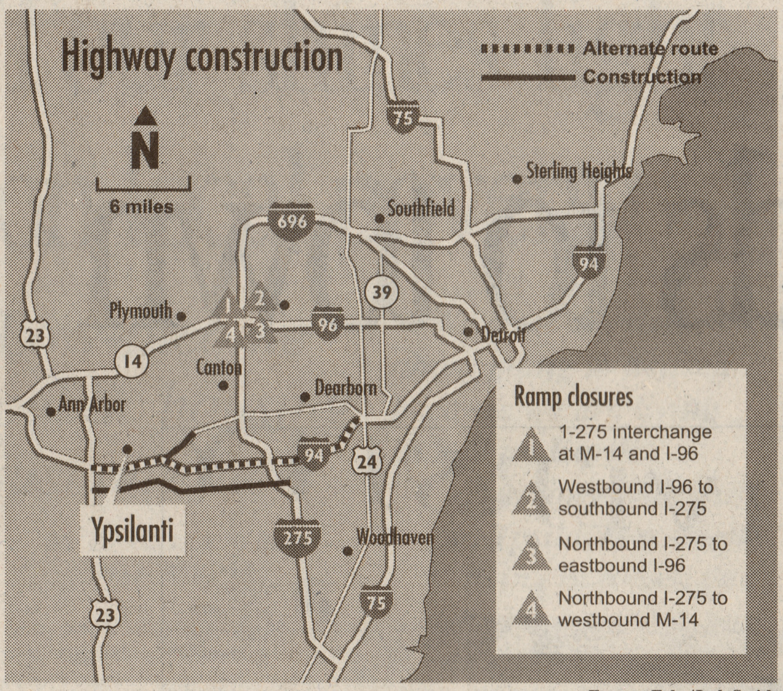

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Fix-ups, fuel woes plague commuters

Construction reroutes students traveling to EMU

By Heather Connor
Chief Copy Editor

Commuters to EMU will be dealing with road construction and high gas prices during these first few weeks of the new semester.

According to Rob Morosi, spokesman with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), a major construction project currently in progress involves I-96, M-14 and I-275. This project may affect commuters to EMU coming from Wayne County.

"We are resurfacing and repairing 36 bridges on I-96 from Telegraph Road in Redford to Newburgh Road in Livonia," Morosi said. "In conjunction with this project we are reconstructing I-96/M-14 from Newburgh to Haggerty [Roads]."

In rebuilding the I-275 interchange at M-14 and I-96, there are numerous ramp closures that have posted detours. The ramps involved are from westbound I-96 to southbound I-275, from northbound I-275 to eastbound I-96, and from northbound I-275 to westbound M-14.

To avoid the entire project, Morosi suggests using I-94 west of Telegraph Road as an alternative route. Morosi said the project should be completed by Nov. 1.

A project along Michigan Avenue running from Beck Road to the Wayne/Washtenaw county line is also expected to be completed by the first week of September.

Construction sites on surface roads in Wayne County may also affect commuters to EMU. John Roach of the Wayne County Road Commission said Canton Center Road is being rebuilt from Ford to Warren Roads in Canton Township. It is being widened from 2 to 5 lanes, and two bridges are being rebuilt. Traffic is reduced to one lane in each direction, and the south end at Ford Road is closed to through traffic. Traffic is detoured to Sheldon Road one mile east, and the closed area should reopen by September.

There are no major road projects currently going on in Washtenaw County, said Kari Debnar of MDOT.

"It's been a lighter construction season for the Ann Arbor area," Debnar said.

The cost of gas may also be rising once again.

Jim Rink, spokesperson for AAA of Michigan, said the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) was scheduled to meet Sept. 1. Rink predicts OPEC will most likely agree to cut the production of oil, and the market could react with higher gas prices.

Rink said the general trend, based on years past, is for periodic price increases between now and the end of the year. Rink said gas prices tend to be lower in the fall and winter months compared to spring and summer due to lower supply and demand. Another factor that contributes to higher gas prices in the summer is required lower-emissions fuel to be sold in the summer to cut down on pollution.

Rink suggested some car-care tips that can help cut down on mileage and increase fuel efficiency. First and foremost, drivers should slow down. "Even a five-mile decrease in speed will affect your mileage," Rink said.

Other suggestions are to keep your tires properly inflated, as they are affected by both hot and cold weather. More suggestions can be found at the AAA Web site at AAAmich.com.

AAA offers free winter car care clinics at Penske Auto Centers in Michigan starting in October, where your car can be inspected for contributing factors to mileage and fuel inefficiency. Participating locations should be posted to the Web site in late September, Rink said.

EMU senior Dan Halladay finds it easier just to live close to campus. "I sold my van and I don't have to pay for insurance or gas," Hallady said. "It puts $1,500 a year in my pocket."

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Junior Eric Woods pumps gas while senior Sabrina Dinse waits in the car. They commute to Eastern from their hometown of Flushing.

Eastern Echo/Josh Smith

One of the construction projects this summer added a median to Michigan Avenue in downtown Ypsilanti. Other projects are under consideration.

Michigan Avenue gains median

Washington, Adams turns removed

By Sowmya Bhagavatula
News Editor

The City of Ypsilanti has finished constructing a median on Michigan Avenue. The raised median has taken the place of the center turn lane, nullifying the ability to make turns onto Adams and Washington—streets College of Business students use to access the building.

"It's going to be a big headache for faculty and students," said Alexis Neal, a marketing major from Detroit. "We use that street [Michigan Avenue] to park in the side streets and in the parking structure. As it is, we're having to drive in big circles all over Ypsilanti to come here, and this is going to be another big circle. That's a waste of gas."

Megan Gibb, director of Community and Economic Development for the City of Ypsilanti, disagrees.

"I don't believe it would be an inconvenience," Gibb said. "Washington and Adams will remain one-ways, but we're looking at making Pearl and Hamilton back to two-way streets. We'll be conducting a study in conjunction with the construction project."

"It might help, but it won't help a whole lot," Neal said. "It's [Michigan Avenue] still our main street."

Gibb said the purpose of the median was to slow traffic on Michigan Avenue and make downtown Ypsilanti more pedestrian-friendly.

Before, there were five lanes of traffic and people had a tendency to speed, Gibb said.

The city hired Livonia contractors Peter A. Basile and Sons Inc. for the project.

It received a $560,000 grant from the Michigan Department of Transportation with a local match of $70,000. Of the match, the city has contributed $45,000 and the Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority provided $25,000.

"I think they're [the City] spending way too much money for a project that I don't know needs to be implemented," said Kelly Faust, a senior from Sylvania, Ohio, and a COB student.

The brick median runs five blocks from the City Hall and will feature historic-looking lights.

Eastern Echo/Eric Bronson

A stretch of Michigan Avenue was reduced to one lane in each direction while a median was being constructed.

Old China RESTAURANT

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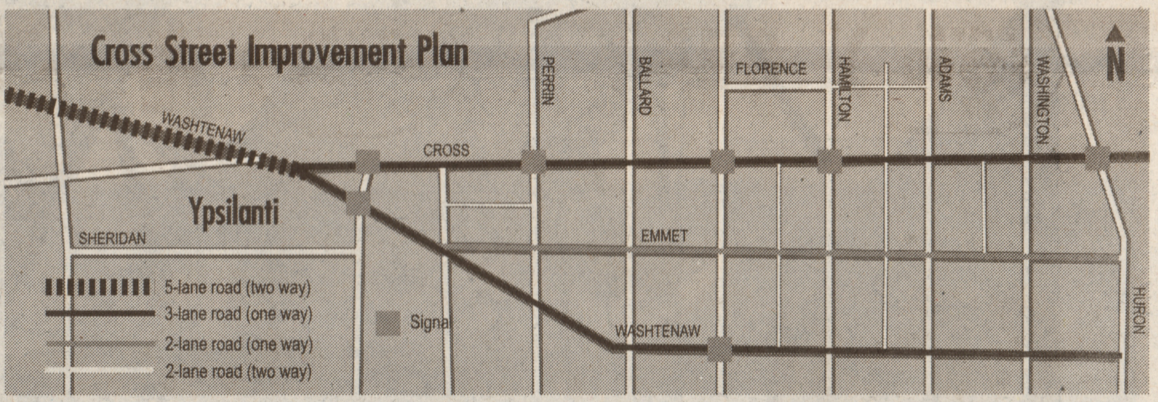
Cross Street is another area that may see construction soon.



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Suggestions to tackle these problems included conversion of Cross Sreet into a two-way road, slow traffic on Cross Street and Washtenaw Avenue by constructing medians and speed bumps, and partnering with EMU on parking.

One-way traffic, speed changes to be studied

By Sowmya Bhagavatula
News Editor

A committee to make major residential orientation and traffic flow changes on Cross and other streets around EMU's campus was formed this summer.

Major areas of traffic-flow circulation concerns were the high traffic speed on Cross Street and Washtenaw Avenue and one-way flow on Cross Street that reduced viability of commerce and posed a danger for pedestrians.

Suggestions to tackle these problems included conversion of Cross Street into a two-way road, slow traffic on Cross Street and Washtenaw Avenue by constructing medians and speed bumps, and partnering with EMU on parking.

There were also concerns about absentee landlords who caused lack of maintenance of the properties.

"There are property owners who feel that if they wait long enough, EMU will buy their property, and in the meantime they let their properties fall apart," said Tawkiyah Jordan, planner for the community and economic development office. "We have many property owners who are not serious about maintaining their properties. Student Government needs to spearhead some kind of a student tenants association in helping students get some power in establishing housing standards."

The firms involved in the project are Hamilton Anderson Associates, which is are conducting the planning study, Mid-Western Consulting, which is working on the transportation engineering for Cross Street, and The Green Group, which is undertaking the market research for the commercial corridor.

The Cross Street project is in the data collecting and inventory analysis phase, said Vernon Gustafsson of Hamilton Anderson.

"This will turn into a physical design or it could be used in developing a different plan," he said.

He said the firm has been retained by EMU, the Michigan Department of Transportation, the Ann Arbor Transit Authority and the Ann Arbor Ypsilanti Urban Area Transportation Study Committee, which forms the steering committee for this project.

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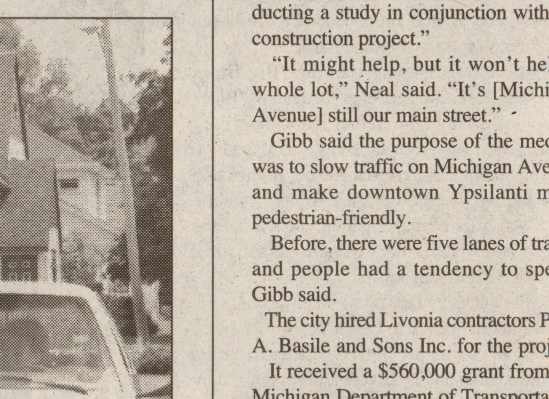

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Festivals bring crowds to town

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Cheryl Brooks speaks with a prospective buyer at the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair, which took place July 18-22. Though it isn't one of the several festivities in Ypsilanti, it did give some Eastern Michigan University students a chance to display and sell their art in a real-world setting.

Elvis, Frog Island festivals highlight summer in Ypsilanti

Mr. B's Blue Turbulence Trio played the Frog Island Music Festival this summer. This was the trio's sixth appearance at the Festival, which took place June 22-24.

The 20th annual Frog Island Music Festival, June 22-24, attracted acts and fans from all over the country. Seventeen performers from a wide variety of musical genres performed throughout the three day event at Ypsilanti's Frog Island Park.

The event was divided into two themes. The "South Coast Celebration" featured zydeco, a spicy, Cajun-style music straight from the Louisiana bayou. The night featured musicians throwing Mardi Gras beads into the audience while keeping rhythm on a washboard. Steel drums added a Caribbean flare to the already exotic music.

Saturday evening was the "Big Blues Bash" featuring headliner the Bobby "Blue" Bland. Many other artists made their Frog Island Music Festival debuts Saturday night.

Sunday featured folk music, fiddles and dancing. Themed "Celtic Roots," Natalie MacMaster headlined, after which all of the previous performers came together for a Celtic Roots jam session.

Elvis Presley fans of all shapes, sizes, ages and races flocked to Depot Town July 14-15 to catch a glimpse of their idol and hear his music. The annual Elvis Fest is organized by local merchants.

The event, in its second year, featured Elvis tribute concerts, karaoke, Elvis movie events, an Elvis wedding, best 1950's dress competition and best Elvis look-alike contest.

Proceeds from the event, which "honors the life and music and Elvis Presley," went to the Depot Town charity and the Elvis Presley charity, said Tracy Briggs, director of Elvis Fest.

Eight EMU students got the chance to display and sell their work at the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair July 18-21. All eight students had taken the Capstone class, established by Fine Arts Department Head Tom Venner and 15-year art fair participant and jeweler Scott Berry.

The Michigan Guild has reserved a booth for EMU students for the next three years.

The booth costs $1,000 to rent for the four-day event, and artists must go through a selection process in which they submit slides of their best three pieces of work from the previous year. Local artists and gallery owners view the slides and select the artists who will display their work.

The EMU students had to go through the same process.

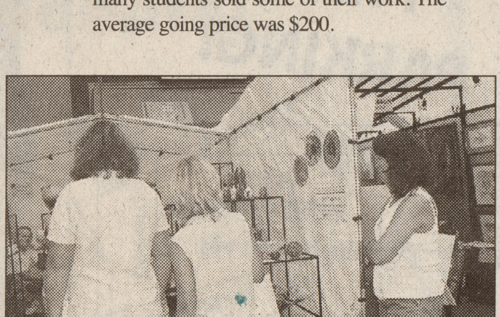
"It's a good way to see how the professional art world works," said Mary Pringle, a graduate printmaking student. "It's a good experience and I would enjoy participating in the fair again."

On top of being able to display their work, many students sold some of their work. The average going price was $200.

Elvis Impersonsator Leo Days played to an excited crowd of Elvis fanfare at the Elvis Fest July 14-15 at Frog Island Park.

An Elvis impersonator speaks with people about the life and music of Elvis Presley at Elvis Fest, which took place at Frog Island Park July 14-15.

Patrons to the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair view the art on State Street, where some EMU students sold works.



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Tour shines light on local poverty

Low-income public housing just one facet

By Kimberly Weiss
Staff Writer

> ***"We ain't worried about going to heaven because we are living in hell on Earth."***
> ***- Anthony Williams, an Ypsilanti resident living in a complex visited during the tour***

Many people in Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor live in neighborhoods where the screens are torn up, windows boarded, doors broken and crime is a daily concern.

On July 7, Welfare Rights at EMU and Washtenaw County welcomed students and area residents to a training session providing information about welfare rights, immigrant rights and citizen rights with police officers.

"[The purpose was] to raise poverty awareness to the community at large and to Eastern," said Kathy Slay, seven-year Welfare Rights Union member and advocate.

Another section of the event focused on local complexes in Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor where residents experience poverty. These areas are often located near upper- and middle-class neighborhoods, said Karen Schaumann, EMU faculty adviser and sociology professor.

"They [cities] are trying to hide poverty and public housing," Schaumann said.

The tour visited two low-income complexes, one in Ypsilanti and one in Ann Arbor.

"Things that go on here don't go on downtown," said Ann Arbor resident Shawn M., 43. He said that housing projects, such as the one he lives in, are put aside on the outskirts.

When the five cars of the poverty rights tour arrived at this complex, many of the residents went inside their homes. It was later mentioned by two residents that people probably did so because they thought the tour was the police and were afraid of such because of illegal drug activity.

"Poverty is everywhere, it's just disguised," said Winnie Gonzalez, 41.

In the Ypsilanti complex, less than a half-mile from campus, one entire section of apartments was boarded up from a fire that happened six years ago.

"We ain't worried about going to heaven because we are living in hell on Earth," said Anthony Williams, 22, an Ypsilanti resident living in the toured complex.

Schaumann started the Washtenaw County branch in 1992 and WREMU on campus about one year ago. She said she learned about many of the rights that are advocated from her own experiences.

Schaumann said she noticed many homeless students on campus carrying all of their belongings. She also spoke of the struggle of working students who are not making enough to afford shelter.

Slay said to admit to receiving public assistance is to open oneself to attack because of the stigmas associated with it.

Slay said at WREMU/Washtenaw County, they provide a comfortable, judgment-free environment to discuss welfare rights and public assistance.

Schaumann spoke about the importance of advocating information about rights to others with a motto of: "Each one teach one." Another of the mottos spoken was, "Don't agonize, organize."

"We have to educate ourselves and do research on our own," Gonzalez said.

Ted Watson of Farmworker Legal Services, provided an overview of services provided to ensure the rights of immigrants, both legal and illegal.

They provide translation for people not fluent in English, and much of their work is based on Title Six of the Civil Rights Acts, which aims to prevent discrimination on the basis of national origin.

Watson said many people are afraid to apply for aid and to ask for help because of their legal status. He said they assist with employer problems, such as pay amounts and benefits.

Todd Mireles of the Xicano Development Center, presented information about citizen rights with the police. He said in his experience of tutoring people, most Americans lack understanding and that we live in a pro-police culture.

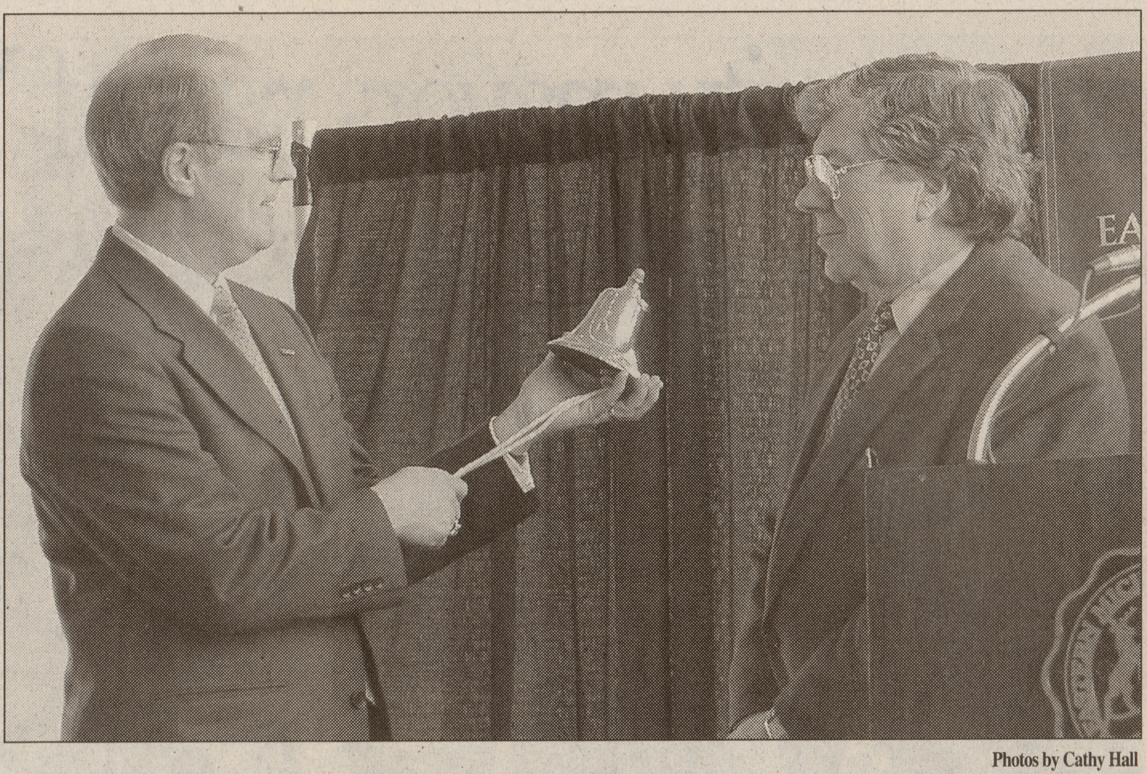
Mireles stressed the importance of not talking without the presence of a lawyer. He said things we say may be thought to be innocent, but do entail a possibility of incrimination.

He also talked about how people need to document and file letters of complaints in the events of mistreatment or injustice.

"If it's not on paper, it didn't happen," Mireles said.

Toward the closing of the conference, there was a speakout portion where community members and students spoke about personal experiences with poverty, welfare and the importance of advocacy.

For more information on future events, or to find out more about relevant resources, contact WREMU at (734) 677-4551.



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EMU President Samuel A. Kirkpatrick presents a commemorative bell to Arnie Geller, president and CEO of RMS Titanic Inc.

EMU displays Titanic artifacts

800 salvaged items shown on campus

By Odell Ruffin
Staff Writer

A whistle timer and line coil fuse and terminal box are still in the process of desalinization, requiring that they be kept in water in this display case.

Faculty and staff from EMU's historic preservation program, as well as from the geography and geology departments, will oversee more than 800 artifacts that have been removed from RMS Titanic, which sank April 14, 1912.

Artifacts from the Titanic were displayed at the Convocation Center Atrium this summer. EMU signed a contract with RMS Titanic Inc. to provide the sole conservation team storage for artifacts of the legendary ocean liner.

Arnie Geller the founder, president and chief executive officer of RMS Titanic Inc., said they deal with companies in 10 different countries. Artifacts from the Titanic are not for sale, Geller said.

"The only thing that was sold from the Titanic was the coal," he said. "In England there wasn't much coal during the time of the Titanic's departure. The people valued the coal so much, they would buy it today."

In charge of bringing the Titanic to EMU is assistant professor and head conservator of geography and geology Lauren B. Sickels-Taves.

RMS Titanic Inc. was granted rights to the wreck of the Titanic by the United States Federal Court and is the exclusive owner of the valuable items recovered from the wreck site.

The company has conducted six research and recovery expeditions to the Titanic wreck site and recovered approximately 6,000 artifacts. The artifacts, which include playing cards, spectacles, a drawstring purse, a silver toast rack, a cook's hat, a glass, and a ceramic vase and flowered creamer, were in six display cases. Also featured was a second-class "not wanted" label that was placed on baggage that was not wanted in the room.

A number of pictures where also on display, including a small boat of surviving passengers from the Titanic holding 24 people with life-jackets on, and two men rowing on each side. The media coverage of the disaster was captured by a photograph of two little boys holding a newspaper that said "Lost Wreck" and "Titanic Sinks" in bold print on the front page.

The Titanic sank about 350 miles off the coast of Newfoundland, Canada. Lost at sea were 1,523 people, including passengers and crew. There were 705 survivors. The wreck was located by a French and American team September 1, 1985.

In order to retrieve the artifacts, a team of three divers would travel for 18 hours in a submarine. Chief Operating Officer Dick Barton said searching for the artifacts was a privilege. He has been with RMS Titanic Inc. since 1982 and completed 21 dives to the wreck.

ESPAN joins nat'l Starbucks protest

By Sowmya Bhagavatula
News Editor

ANN ARBOR - Eastern's Student Peace Action Network demonstrated outside the Starbucks Coffee at Arborland Mall June 26, urging the coffee retail chain to start promoting fair trade and remove genetically-engineered ingredients from its products. The demonstrations were part of protests in more than 200 cities across the United States and four other countries.

In conjunction with the Organic Consumers Association, which organized the mass protests, ESPAN said it demands Starbucks improve the wages and working conditions of coffee farmers in nations exporting coffee. The OCA is a Minnesota-based lobby group for consumers and farmers concerned about the use of chemicals in agriculture.

"When you're going to Starbucks and paying money for a cup of coffee, you're making a statement," said EMU senior Patrick Elkins. "You're supporting the proliferation of the suffering of other people."

"When people know that Nike uses slave labor to manufacture its shoes, then I think it is laughable that Starbucks does the same thing and expects to get away with it," said Tom Taylor, OCA's midwest field organizer, who planned the protests in Michigan. "I don't see why they should be treated any differently."

"We did try a fair trade in April," said John Hagar, assistant manager at Starbucks. "We're offering organic coffee for our consumers that they can walk in and try any flavor at any time, not just the coffee of the day."

Another issue raised was Starbucks' use of milk from cows injected with the bovine growth hormone, or BGH.

BGH is a bioengineered cow growth hormone that is a protein similar, but not identical to, the natural hormone, said EMU associate professor of Biology David Kass. Impartial reports state that milk from the injected cows is not harmful to humans, he said.

"It is injected into cows to stimulate production of the Insulin Growth-like Factor-1 hormone, which in turn increases milk production," Kass said. Kass teaches genetics, including recombinant DNA technology.

OCA and ESPAN say they also want genetically modified foods to be labeled.

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Past and present, city mayors part of Ypsilanti community

Farmer was active in community before becoming city's mayor

By Kimberly Weiss
Staff Writer

Dr. Cheryl and Mayor Farmer are the same person: a busy woman charged with the care not only of her patients but with the City of Ypsilanti.

As a doctor, she coordinates her work with the skills of different specialists, and as mayor, she coordinates with other council members, the city manager and other department heads. She refers to the city as her patient.

Farmer grew up in the greater Detroit area and attended public schools. She married soon after receiving her teaching degree from Wright State University in Dayton Ohio.

She earned her second bachelor's degree in environmental science at Wayne State University. She worked for the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, but moved back to Michigan after she and her husband divorced.

Soon after, her best friend from high school died of breast cancer.

"It was ridiculous to lose somebody so young," Farmer said.

She said there needed to be doctors who listened to what women were saying and how people were feeling inside. So at 29, Farmer decided to enroll in medical school.

One school warned her about the adversity she would face as an older student. Farmer was accepted at MSU medical school and paid for her first year on her own.

Farmer's tuition and living expenses were covered for three years through a federal government program that required her to work in an under-served area for an equal amount of time.

Upon graduation, Farmer practiced at an indigent clinic in Cincinnati. It was there Farmer first became active in politics. The city developed mini internships to shadow different professionals in the medical community. She liked this idea so much that she decided to bring it back with her to Michigan.

She said a friend talked to her about leadership skills and how a lot of doctors are not involved in their communities. Farmer became interested in how the government works and what really went on.

She said many people were unhappy with the current city charter, but the mayor at the time was opposed to changing it. Farmer and others began a campaign. Initially, her goal was to try and get others to run for the charter committee.

"I'll run if you run," Farmer said to many of the people she called. Seventeen people ran and she received the third highest vote.

Eastern Echo/Josh Smith

Cheryl Farmer has been mayor of Ypsilanti since 1995. She is also a full-time doctor working in Ann Arbor.

Shortly after, another friend introduced her as the next mayor, which made Farmer laugh.

New charter deadlines were written in and it was passed in January 1994. Farmer was elected as mayor in April 1995.

In 1996, city council began having retreats, which Farmer describes as a way to talk about issues instead of just reacting to them and of building trust. They discuss what is going well and what they want to change.

Farmer said it is gratifying to get people together to solve problems and she was surprised to see how much has been overlooked.

In office, she has worked on several issues, including sidewalk repair, physically improving city hall's appearance and replacing expired roofs and furnaces in city buildings. She has also raised money and developing special bonds to fix roads.

Farmer said her main focus as mayor is to play catch-up and continue to implement the new charter.

Farmer works in Ann Arbor with three other physicians. In the morning she goes to the clinic and puts in a full day of 14 to 20 patients.

She said her life is hectic, but that many of the skills learned in medical school have helped her to learn how to listen. She calls herself a medical detective.

Farmer said she is actively working on four joint committees to build a stronger tie with the University. One initiative raised signage throughout the city to help re-direct University traffic.

She said the University can help the city by purchasing locally.

Eastern Echo/Julie Stocker

John Calder graduated from Ypsilanti High School in 1938. He now lives in the building, which was converted to Cross Street Village retirement community . Calder was elected mayor of Ypsilanti in 1960 and named Citizen of the Year by Ford Motor Company in 1964.

Bio: John Calder

Born: 1930 in New Jersey

Attended EMU on a football scholarship as a Physical Education major, transferred to University of Tampa after two years, stayed a year there then enlisted in the Navy Air Corps. He served in the South Pacific during WWII.

Became the mayor of Ypsilanti in 1960 at his employer's suggestion that employees get involved in local activities.

Started an urban renewal program in Ypsilanti, allowed liquor to be sold by the glass in restaurants, added fluoride to the city's water system and attempted to consolidate the township with the city.

Former mayor resides in converted Ypsi High

By Kimberly Weiss
Staff Writer

Former Ypsilanti mayor John Calder is going back to school.

Calder, 80, lives in Cross Street Village, a retirement community in the restored old Ypsilanti High School building. He graduated there in 1938 along with other Village residents.

He describes his living conditions as "nostalgic."

In May, Calder received the honor of setting the clock for the Village's grand opening.

Born in New Jersey, he moved from Cincinnati to Ypsilanti 64 years ago, during his senior year of high school when his father's railroad job brought his family to Michigan. In high school, he played basketball, football and lettered in track.

He attended EMU on a football scholarship for two years with an intended physical education major and transferred to the University of Tampa for one year. After three years of college, Calder decided to enlist in the Navy Air Corps. He served in WWII in the South Pacific as a rearseat gunner in a divebomber.

In 1946, he re-enrolled at EMU and pledged the Arm of Honor fraternity. He participated in intramural sports with his fraternity and was a member of the Huron fan club.

A year later, he left college again to accept a job in the auditing department at Kaiser-Frazer. He also married Bonnie Jean, his wife of more than 30 years, who has since passed away.

When the Willow Run division of Kaiser-Frazer closed in 1954, Calder was offered a job in Argentina, but chose to work in the general parts division at Ford Motor Company instead. He became Ypsilanti mayor in 1960 at his employer's suggestion that employees get involved in local activities.

His family was known in town and he had been involved with the parent teacher's association, national little league, the recreation golf league and was an elder in his church.

Initially, he was running for city council and was appointed mayor by fellow council members.

Inside
Learn more about the conversion of Ypsilanti High School to Cross Street Village, page 9.

"If people get involved, it's worth their while," Calder said.

He described his role as two-term mayor as having been a ceremonial head, speaking at banquets and festivals, but he also played a role in making major city decisions.

He spent most of his first mayoral term attempting to start an urban renewal program in Ypsilanti. His goal was to better community living conditions by tearing down some of the old buildings and constructing new ones.

Calder said landlords disliked the program because they did not want to lose housing income. Despite opposition, he succeeded and houses were built on the south end of Harriet Street. His only regret as mayor is that the urban renewal program took too long.

Another of his mayoral acts was allowing liquor to be sold by the glass in restaurants. Before this was passed, they were only allowed to sell beer and wine.

He was also involved in getting fluoride added into the city's water system to help prevent dental decay. Despite much opposition, this act was passed.

Calder also defended local downtown merchants and attempted to consolidate the City of Ypsilanti with Ypsilanti Township. With the University, he worked on building requests and on day-to-day utility furnishings.

Calder enjoyed being the ceremonial head and being part of the growth in Ypsilanti. In 1964, Ford granted him the "Citizen of the Year" award.

In 1966, he left Ford to start his own business as a manufacturer's representative to sell parts to the auto industry.

He has remained involved in local activities, including setting rules for parks and recreation. A member of the Blue Cross/Blue Shield corporate board for almost 10 years, he participates in the council to select board members.

Calder said he is considering volunteering in the city. He still follows EMU sports and is unhappy with night games because he misses Saturday afternoon tailgating.

"I have to get 18 cavities filled tomorrow," he said in humor about his golf plans for the following day.

Calder said he chose to stay in this general area for most of his life because he likes it and because his work was here. He said that he hopes to see the day when it will flourish again.

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Wicked Mickey's
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E Huron River Drive

Lucky Garden
1072 N. Huron River Drive
(734) 482-1000
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Wooden Nickel
901 N. Huron River
(734) 482-6500
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Other

The Edge
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Religious organizations

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701 Holmes
(734) 483-3711

Baptist
First Baptist
1110 W. Cross
(734) 482-7380

Calvary Baptist Church of Ypsilanti
1007 Ecorse
(734) 482-1990

Bible
Ypsilanti Church of the Open Door
1298 E. Michigan
(734) 487-5353

Buddhist
Zen Buddhist Temple
1214 Packard
Ann Arbor
(734) 761-6520

Catholic
Holy Trinity Chapel
511 W. Forest
(734) 482-1400

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
410 W. Cross
(734) 483-3360

Christian Science
First Christian of Christ Scientist
123 N. Adams
(734) 483-3314

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St. Luke's Episcopal
120 N. Huron
(734) 483-4253

Free Methodist
Ypsilanti Free Methodist
1800 Packard
(734) 482-2055

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Beth Israel Congregation (Conservative)
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Ann Arbor
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2309 Packard
Ann Arbor
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Lutheran
Emmanuel Lutheran
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St. Philip's Lutheran
272 N. Hewitt
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Methodist
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Ann Arbor
(734) 769-2945

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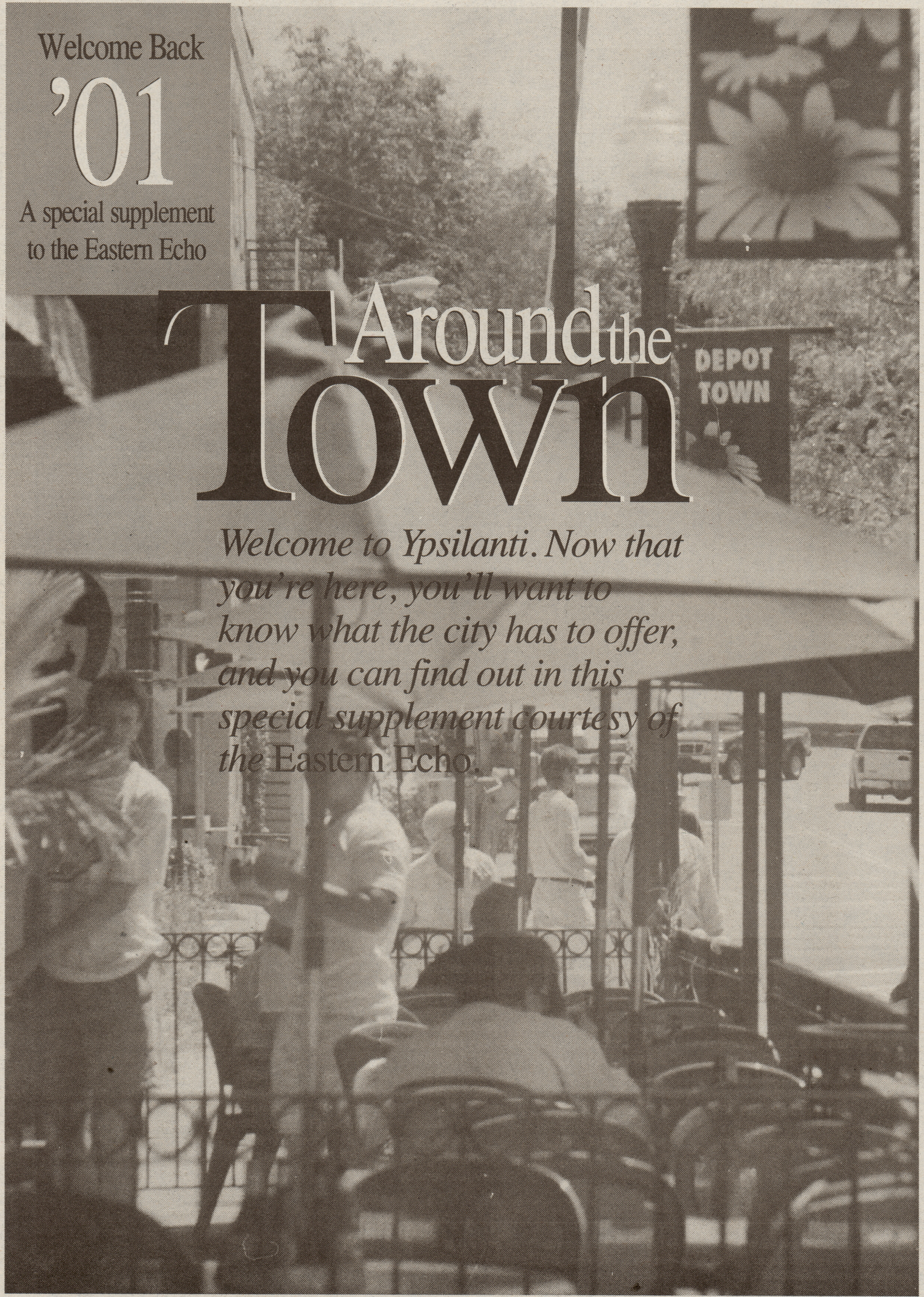

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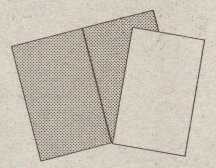

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Michigan Avenue offers patrons a variety of shops and restaurants.

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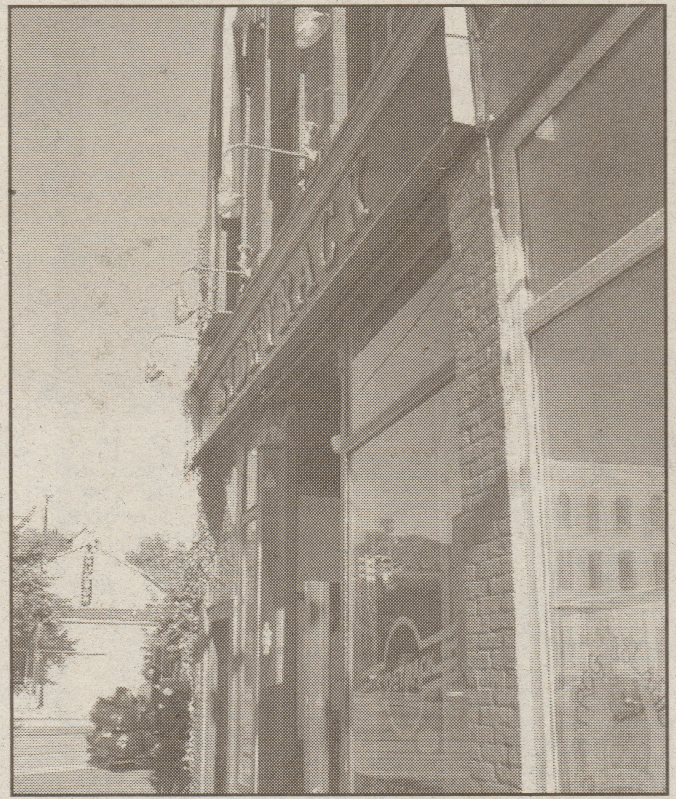

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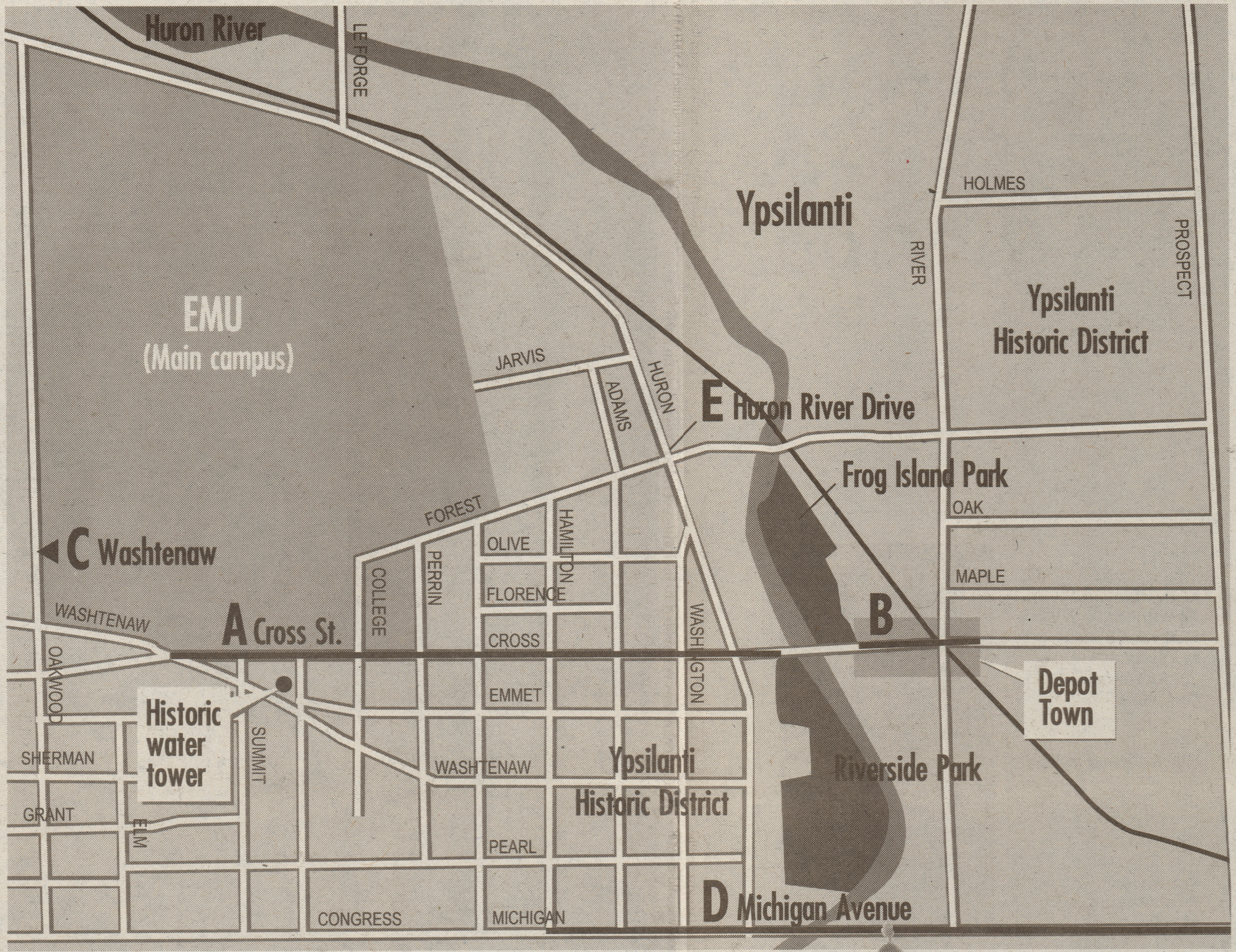
Sidetrack Bar and Grill is just one of the many hotspots to be found on a walk around Ypsilanti's historic Depot Town.



Around the Town

What's hot in Ypsilanti? Read and see!

Bored of campus? Go explore Ypsilanti! Both downtown and Depot Town are within walking distance from campus and have unique shopping and dining establishments. If a day at the park is what you need to beat the stress of classes, wander over to Frog Island or Riverside parks. Read what this community has to offer "Around the Town."

The Cross Street Business District
From party stores to a reggae shop, coffee shops and an all-night Koney, this area has it all. Here you can get a tan, a tattoo or your tongue pierced as well.

Depot Town Business District
Located on Cross Street east of the Huron River, Depot Town is one of the most charming areas in Ypsilanti. Historic buildings house local watering holes, restaurants and an assortment of shops. Antiques, flowers, coins, gifts and interior design services all can be found on the brick block near the tracks.

Ypsilanti Farmer's Market
The Ypsilanti Farmer's Market resides in a century-old freight house behind Depot Town. The market offers fresh produce, food, crafts and entertainment and is open year-round Wednesdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Stalls are available for rent to produce and craft vendors. For more info, call (734) 483-1480.

Downtown Business District
Located in the Michigan Avenue corridor between Hamilton and Huron Streets, historic downtown has many retail and business opportunities. Downtown has plenty of bars, coffee shops and restaurants as well as the College of Business, Ypsilanti City Hall, the District Library and a handful of banks. Whether you are running errands or are in search of nightlife, downtown is a key destination.

Washtenaw Ave. Business District
West of campus on Washtenaw is the strip where you can find chain restaurants, grocery stores and car dealerships. It has EVERYTHING, from video stores to flower shops, and extends into Ann Arbor, where more shopping and dining opportunities lie. This district makes up for lack of charm by being accessible and handy. No car? Take the bus! AATA No. 4 picks up in front of Boone Hall and makes several stops down Washtenaw.

Ypsilanti Parks

Ford Lake Park
9075 S. Huron River Drive
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Frog Island Park
Rice and Cross streets
(734) 483-7272
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Recreation Park
1017 Congress
(734) 483-4401
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Riverside Park
Huron and Cross
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Restaurant Guide

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Theo-Door's
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B Depot Town

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Cady's Grill
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Pizza Garden
37 E. Cross
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Schramm's Deli
42 E. Cross
(734) 482-8050
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Sidetrack
56 E. Cross
(734) 483-1035
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Sticks
39 E. Cross
(734) 483-1873
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C Washtenaw Avenue

Chinese Buffet II
2905 Washtenaw
(734) 434-6363
Chinese cuisine with buffet and carry-out.

Cosmic Garden
2333 Washtenaw
(734) 528-3590
Serving vegetarian cuisine, chicken and turkey specialties.

Cottage Inn Café
2789 Washtenaw
(734) 434-6663
Specializing in gourmet pizza and moderately-priced Italian cuisine.

Don Carlos
4890 Washtenaw
(734) 572-0050
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Emerald City
4905 Washtenaw
(734) 434-7978
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Smoke House Blues
4855 Washtenaw
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D Michigan Avenue

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Dalat
100 W. Michigan
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The Elbow Room
6 S. Washington
(734) 483-6374
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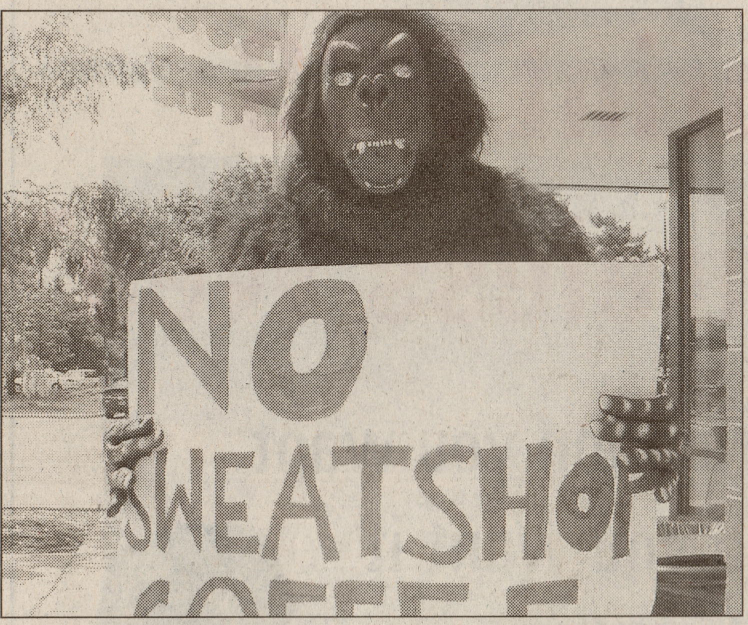

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Protesters gathered outside of Starbucks in Arborland to bring attention to the use of genetically-modified ingredients and promote free trade.

"The Food and Drug Administration does not require the food industry to label genetically - modified food," Hagar said.

"As far as I know, genetically-modified foods go through rigorous testing for human safety in order to get on the market," Kass said. "As long as this is the case, then I do not see a reason for labeling—I think it would just scare people and they would not purchase it."

"If it is so safe, then why not label it?" Taylor said. "People say, 'Let the open market decide or let the consumers decide.' How can consumers make that decision when the food they are buying is not labeled?"

"I think it [the protest] is great," said Ariya Kelly, a University of Michigan junior who passed by. "People need to be educated. With the emerging global economy, there are people out there who are dying for us—for a cup of coffee."

The Starbucks protests were organized to coincide with a convention of the Biotechnology Industry Organization, June 25-26.

Seniors go 'back to school' in Ypsilanti

Apartments make use of old building

By Kimberly Weiss
Staff Writer

The "old" Ypsilanti High School has re-opened the original doors and the bell is ringing once again. It is not open for school though, and most of the people roaming the halls are over the age of 55.

Inside are displays of what the building once was, including a 1946 band uniform and a few lockers along the wall.

May 22 marked the grand opening ceremony of Cross Street Village a three-story senior citizen apartment building located in the "old" Ypsilanti High School, which has been occupied by residents since September 2000.

At the ceremony, the clock was restarted by John Calder, current resident, former Ypsilanti mayor and 1938 Ypsilanti High School graduate. He said he considered it an honor to do so and that the clock had not been running for almost 40 years.

Calder, 80, described his Village living experience, as he gazed out his 12-foot apartment window overlooking the courtyard that was once the school's auditorium, as pleasant.

Cross Street Village has three floors with non-uniform layouts, each floor with its own laundry facility and several lounge areas. Each room is equipped with a security and pull-cord system for emergencies, bathroom, kitchen and either one or two bedrooms.

In the basement, there is a community room for gatherings, a library with computer access, a book exchange, a beauty salon and a 30-person movie theater equipped with a popcorn machine.

"It adds a lot of life back to the city," said Ypsilanti Mayor Cheryl Farmer.

All 104 units were rented within four months of the project's completion, some residents requesting to live in former homerooms or other specific areas of the building, Farmer said.

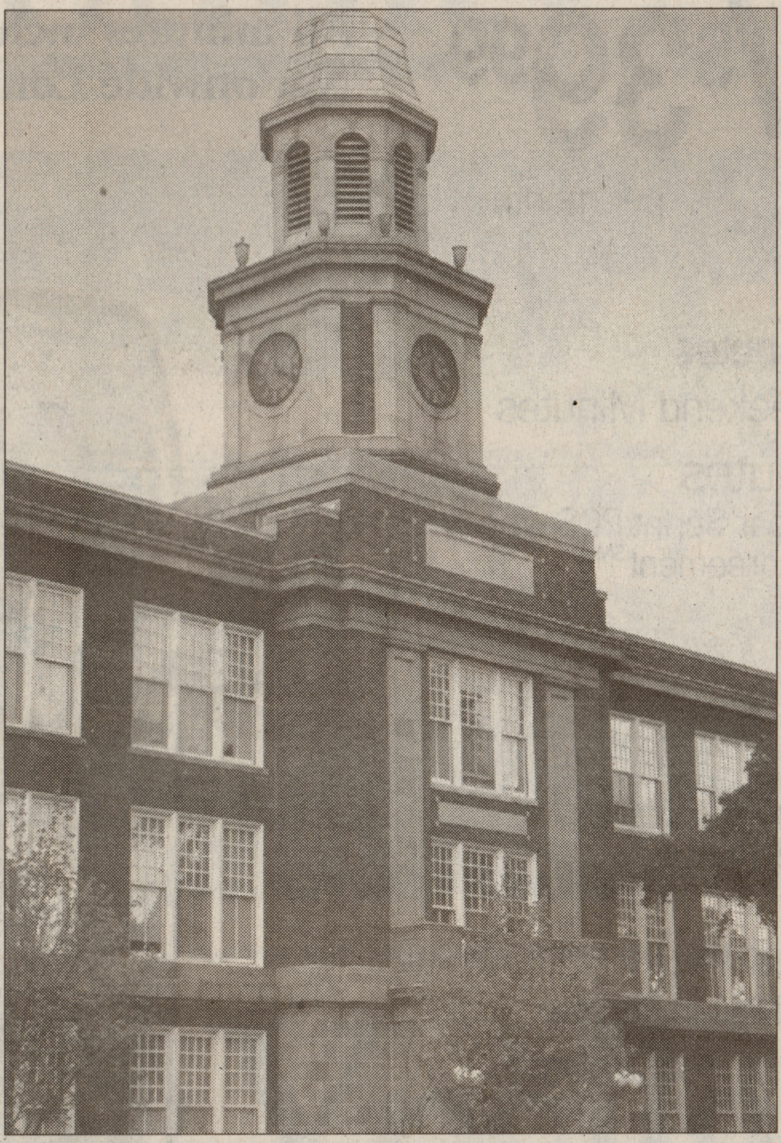
The Ypsilanti School Board sold the building to downsize the district as part of a $65-million bond to renovate other facilities as well, said David Zuhlke, Ypsilanti superintendent of schools.

Farmer explained the decision to renovate and re-open was made in conjunction with a facilities committee of school staff and parents, including Elisabeth Knibbe, a well-known historic preservation architect.

Although the building was no longer needed, they had both the knowledge of its potential and the intention of preserving its historic elements to remember and celebrate architectural trends over time, Farmer said.

Farmer added that they needed to find a developer to turn it into something "positive for the community," thus the school was sold in 1998 to American Community Developers Inc.

Farmer said the company was aware of the shortage of senior housing and developer's tax credits that could be used to cut project costs, such as one involving the re-use of a historic structure.



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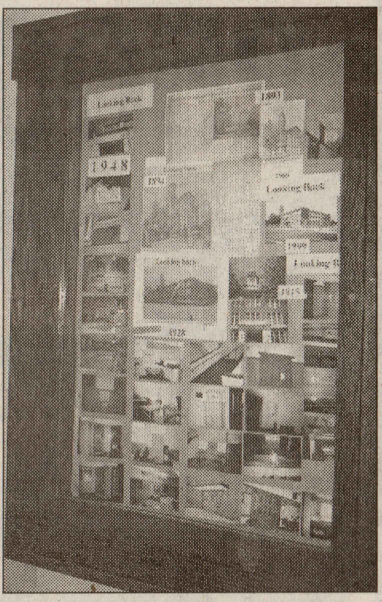
Cross Street Village, once Ypsilanti High School, has reopened as a retirement community. Much of the original building was kept and is on the National Register of Historic Places.



Memorabilia from the days of Ypsilanti High School are posted in this display case, a leftover from the original building.

The interior was renovated to include several lounge areas on each floor. Other amenities include a library with computer access and beauty salon.

This water fountain is an original fixture in the building. It is just one of the small touches that reminds residents of the building's history.

One setback during the Village's development occured in December 1998 when welding torch heat caused a fire between the third floor and the roof. "It was very emotional," Farmer said. "It invoked fear of the entire project going up in smoke."

The firewall blocked the rest of the school, causing light smoke damage on three floors. Firefighters from five area departments worked through the night to put out the flames. The fire caused an estimated $300,000 worth of damage, said Ypsilanti Fire Captain William Wagner.

A plaque outside the front entrance denotes that the property has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places by the U.S. Department of the Interior.

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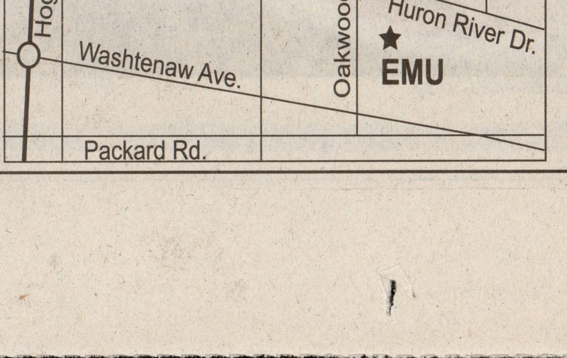

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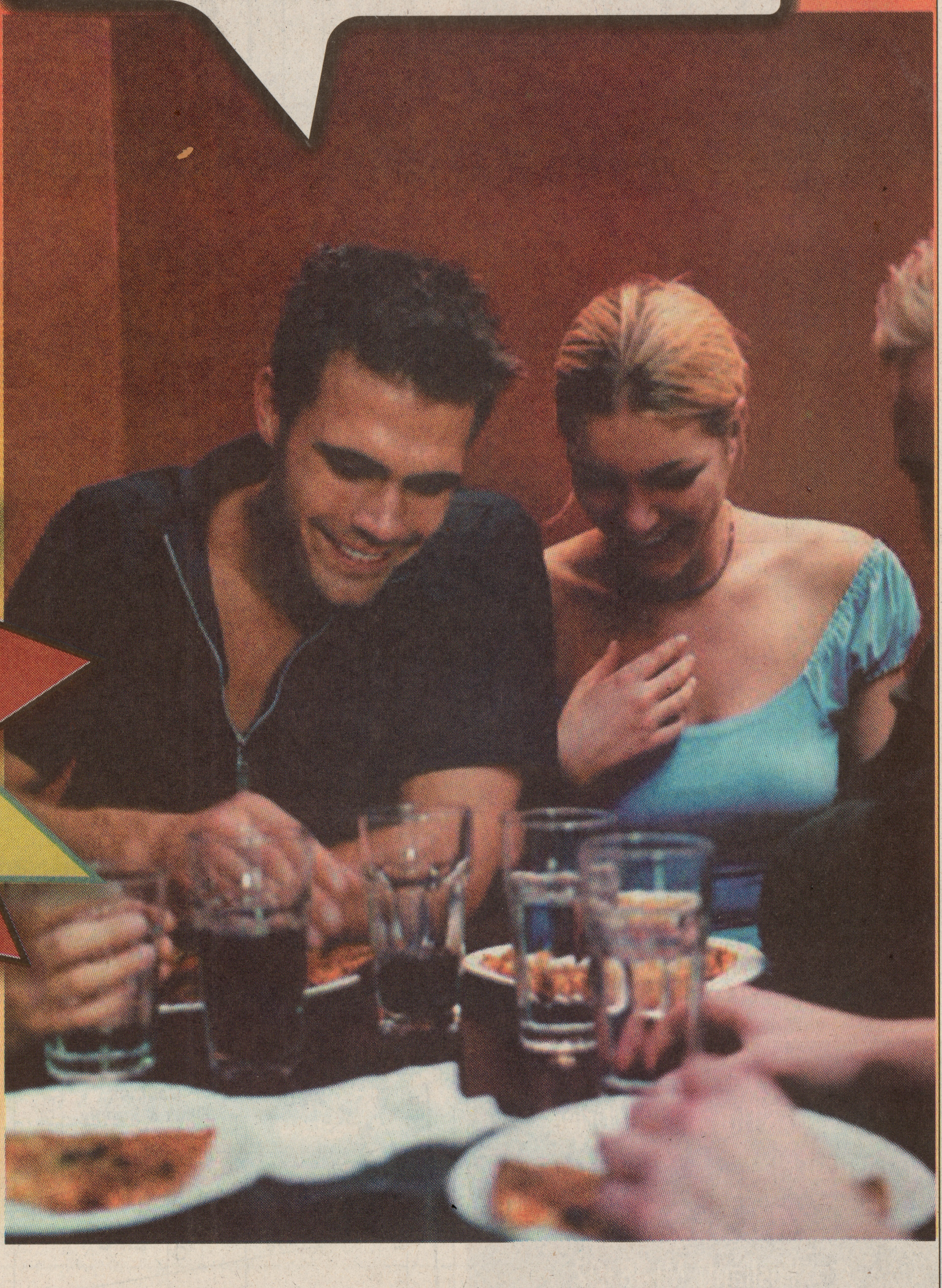-**Mario**
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